

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Arnold KELLER

Serial No. 10/530,211

Filing Date: April 4, 2005

For: HIP PROSTHESIS INCLUDING A SHAFT TO  
BE INSERTED INTO THE FEMUR

Examiner: Suba Ganesan

Art Unit: 3774

Confirmation No.: 9918

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

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Sir:

In response to the Action mailed September 12, 2008, and concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.